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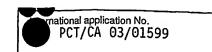
(57) Abstract: A soft ethylene elastomer composition imparting improved scratch and mar resistance properties is provided wherein the composition comprises a soft ethylene elastomer component and an effective amount of a filler, preferably mica, a silicone and a compatibalizer to impart improved scratch and mar resistance properties of the composition while not significantly decreasing the softness of the composition or increasing the gloss of the composition.

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1. claims: 1,3-7,11-19,58-66 (partially)

A composition comprising a soft ethylene elastomer component and a filler. A process for preparing said composition and article of manufacture.

2. claims: 2-19 (partially),58-66(partially)

A composition comprising a soft ethylene elastomer component, a filler (mica), and a compatibiliser. A process for preparing said composition and article of manufacture.

3. claims: 20-29,41-44,58-66(partially)

A composition comprising a soft ethylene elastomer component, a filler (mica), and a silicone compound. A process for preparing said composition and article of manufacture.

4. claims: 30-44 (partially),58-66(partially)

A composition comprising a soft ethylene elastomer component, a filler, a compatibiliser, and a silicone compound. A process for preparing said composition and article of manufacture.

5. claims: 2-19.(partially),45-57 (partially)

A process for preparing a composition using a master batch, wherein said composition comprising a soft ethylene elastomer component, a filler (mica), and a compatibiliser.

6. claims: 30-44 (partially), 45-57 (partially)

A process for preparing a composition using a master batch, wherein said composition comprising a soft ethylene elastomer component, a filler, a compatibiliser, and a silicone compound.

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